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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Standing Committee of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement

Fortieth Session
9-11 April 2013
Bangkok, Thailand

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The Secretariat delivers opening remarks.

2. Election of officers

The Standing Committee is invited to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for the 40th Session.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Standing Committee is invited to adopt the agenda.

4. (a) Conclusion of the Fourth Round of Tariff Concession Negotiations

The Standing Committee is invited to review the note by the Secretariat on the status of the Fourth Round of tariff negotiations and conduct deliberations with the aim to conclude the fourth round of tariff concession negotiations.

(b) Ratification of Framework Agreements on Trade in Services

The Standing Committee is invited to discuss the current status of ratification of the Framework Agreement on trade in services.

(c) Roadmap for negotiations on Trade Facilitation, Investment and Services.

The Standing Committee is invited to discuss the roadmap for launching negotiations under Framework Agreements on Trade facilitation, Investment and Services.

(d) Product-Specific Rule and De Minimis Rule under APTA

The Standing Committee is invited to continue negotiations on Product-Specific rule and De Minimis rule.

(e) Information exchange on non-tariff measures

The Standing Committee is invited to resume the consultations on mechanisms to address non-tariff measures.

5. Progress on Mongolia's accession to APTA

The Standing Committee is invited to discuss progress made on Mongolia's accession to APTA.

6. Presentation on NTM database

A presentation on preparation of NTM database for APTA members will be made during the meeting. The Standing Committee is invited to provide their guidance in improving and building on-line database so as to facilitate intra-APTA trade.

7. Date and venue for the 41st session of the Standing Committee and the 4th Ministerial Council session

The Standing Committee is invited to decide on the date and venue for the 41st session of the Standing Committee and the date for the 4th Ministerial Council session in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

8. Other matters

The Standing Committee will be invited to raise any other matters, including the exchange of trade data under APTA.

9. Adoption of the report.

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